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University officials say campus water not a health risk

BY DAVID GROSS
MANAGING EDITOR

Although it was reported last week that MSU's water supply had tested high in levels of a carcinogen, the water is safe to drink, university water officials said.

According to the report, Eagle Lake tested high for trithalometanes for the period of July 1995 through December 1995.

Trithalometanes are cancer-causing contaminants that often form when chlorine mixes with

algae or bacteria, said Roger Hildebrand, manager of MSU's Heating and Water Plant.

The lake had a contaminant level of up to 0.12 mg/l during that period, Hildebrand said. State regulations specify that the maximum contaminant level is 0.10 mg/l.

Water treatment plant records show that since December, the amount of trithalometanes has been lowered to an acceptable level.

Tests conducted last month showed a level of only 0.058 mg/l, according to the records.

Although the tests showed a high level of the contaminant for part of last year, water officials said the health risks are small.

Rita Wright, water testing laboratory manager, said, "In order for there to be a health hazard, a person would have to drink water with a high level (of contaminants) for a

prolonged period of time. That has never happened here."

According to a report by the Virginia Department of Health, it would take 20 to 30 years of exposure to contaminants at levels just above the maximum level for there to be a cancer risk.

Hildebrand said the problem period was the result of the university drawing water from Eagle Lake instead of Triplett Creek, MSU's primary water source.

Summer rains last year left the creek littered with debris, so the university began using Eagle Lake — MSU's backup water source — to supply the campus with water.

Because the lake was low and was not a free-flowing body of water, a large amount of leaves and other organic materials built up in the lake, Hildebrand said.

When a chlorine disinfectant

was mixed with those organic materials, the formation of a high level of trithalometanes occurred, he said.

Water officials, however, said MSU's water quality is "excellent," and tests that indicate a high level of contaminants or bacteria in MSU's

water supply are rare.

Wright said the water testing laboratory, which tests primarily for

bacteria, has detected only one bad sample from MSU's water supply in See Water, page 8

Food workers stricken; diagnosis uncertain

BY HAL MORRIS
EDITOR

Three MSU employees were transported by ambulance to St. Claire Medical Center Thursday after they passed out while on duty in the dining area at Alumni Tower.

The employees, whose names were not released, were working at Burger King around 1 p.m., when they started exhibiting stomach and breathing problems, said Michael Walen, vice president for fiscal services.

Paul Stolle, manager of PFM Food Services at MSU, said the incident was reported to him at 1 p.m. Stolle said the three had been at work since 9 a.m. before complaining of sickness.

Walers said after the three passed

out, the paramedics were called and they were transported to St. Claire for treatment.

The employees were treated at the hospital and released.

Judy Yancy, MSU director of Institutional Relations, said hospital personnel reported the three women all suffering from flu-like symptoms.

Walers said oven cleaner used in the restaurant was taken to St. Claire to test for the possibility of the employees having been exposed to fumes.

He also said the physical plant investigated Burger King to check for gas leaks, but none were found.

Stolle said the workers went back to work on Sunday.

Former editor wins first for abuse series

May Stepp, 1994 Trail Blazer editor and MSU graduate, won top honors recently in the 1995 Kentucky Newspaper Contest sponsored annually by the Kentucky Press Association.

Awards were announced at the KPA Water Convention held in Lexington in late January.

Stepp, writing last year for the

Mountain Citizen in Martin County, took the weekly newspaper division's first place award for "Best Story Series" for her published series on spouse abuse in Eastern Kentucky.

In the recently published awards book, judges praised Stepp's series, saying:

"Go national with this series; it really tells a common story! It lets the victims tell their story in their own words. I believe low abuse happens and what it does to women! How Stepp's community appreciates her—it should."

Stepp also won an honorable mention in the "Best General News Story" category.

A native of Lexington, in Martin County, Stepp earned her bachelor of arts degree in journalism and English in 1994.

Stepp is currently employed at the Terre Haute Tribune in Indiana and is working toward a master's degree at Indiana State University in Terre Haute.



May Stepp

Cops in Shops successful

Five arrested, charged

BY LYNN RICHIE
CAMPUS LIFE/ARTS EDITOR

A number of people in Morehead, were arrested last Wednesday after the Cops in Shops program went into effect.

Seventeen citations were issued and five arrests were made the same day the statewide program was launched to stop underage drinking and to keep adults from purchasing alcohol for minors.

The citations issued included three counts of minors attempting to buy alcoholic beverages, two counts of driving under the influence, one count of a minor in possession of alcohol, one count of alcohol intoxication, and one count of disorderly conduct.

There were several traffic viola-

tions, including three counts of operating on a suspended license, two counts of expired registration, one count of no insurance, one count of no registration receipt and one count of no operator's license in possession.

One bench warrant was executed. The program uses undercover police officers posing as customers and clerks in liquor stores.

Participating liquor stores are C&H, First Street, Freight Station, Best Chance and Tri-Country. SuperAmerica and Rite Aid also took part.

Agencies participating in the program are the Kentucky State Police, Morehead Police Department and the State Alcoholic Beverage Control.



"...And not a drop to drink"

MSU Water Plant Manager Roger Hildebrand, front, discusses water. Bee reprints with Wendell McCarthy, left, and Steve Letts. A break in the line resulted in a boil-water advisory on campus from early Thursday until midnight Friday. (Photo by Mandi Kubina)

Cable expansion planned for Fall 1996

Eagle Vision Network to offer 30 channels

BY KYLE HOWARD
STAFF WRITER

Free access to a 30-channel TV network will become reality in the fall of 1996.

Dwayne Cable, MSU assistant vice-president of the Office of Information Technology, says installing the new cable system is a \$1 million project and will provide service to all students living on campus unless an unforeseen financial crisis occurs.

Cable says the new cable system, tentatively named Eagle Vision Network, will be a big improvement over the 12-channel system currently available to students.

Cable said one advantage of the Eagle Vision Network is that it will allow the university to make yearly alterations to channel selections and give the campus the potential to have 100-channel capability.

A new cable system has been an issue over the past two years, but due to financial cutbacks this is the first year it has been financially feasible, Cable said.

"Our situation with the current cable system, American Cable, is similar to leaky water pipes that have been repaired with duck tape," says Cable. "The pipes need to be replaced because we can't afford to keep investing money into faulty pipes."

Cable says residence hall life needs to be improved and the new cable system is, hopefully, just the

beginning.

There is reference to an expanded cable system in the most recent edition of the MSU Viewbook, but Dr. Beverly McCormick, vice-president for Recruitment and Retention, says "The Viewbooks are intended for students coming to Morehead in the fall of 1996."

According to Cable, the Eagle Vision Network will provide access to the following channels: The

Weather Channel, WTBS, USA Network, CNN, Headline News, VH1, MTV, BET, Discovery, Arts and Entertainment, Comedy Central, CNBC, Sci-Fi Channel, WOR, Mind Expansion University, TNT, ESPN, Country Music Television, Nickelodeon, Learning Channel, Lifetime, C-Span, American Movie Classics and WROR-TV.

There will also be one each of the

following affiliates: ABC, CBS, FOX, KET, NBC and MSUTV.

In addition, educational channels will be provided.

These will include the MSU Information Channel, which will be reserved as an electronic bulletin board for campus events; a teleconferencing channel, used for satellite conferencing; and eight university distribution channels.



Dr. Earle Louder, resident artist professor of euphonium and tuba, and Masahito Karoda, music major from Tokyo, received applause following their euphonium debut during the 38th annual Concert Band Clinic held Friday in Wetherby Gymnasium. (Photo by Mandi Kubina)

NEWS BRIEFS

STREET CLOSING: East Second Street will be closed from 8:30 a.m. until at least 1 p.m. Friday, February 23, due to ongoing construction of Lappin Hall.

CHARGES DROPPED: Sodomy charges filed in 1993 against former MSU professor Dr. James Quisenberry have been dropped. The civil suit filed by the accuser, then 19, has also been dropped.

SPEECH TEAM: The MSU Individual Events team placed fourth out of 21 teams at the Ashbury College Speech Tournament on Feb. 10. Individual winners were Tiffany Mauer, Jody Streible, Amy Foreman and Karl Ruckdeschel.

WATER ADVISORY LIFTED: The boil water advisory in effect on the MSU campus late last week has been lifted. The advisory was initiated following a break in a campus water line.

STUDENT FORUM: A student forum with President Ronald Eggen will be held Feb. 21, at 5 p.m. in the Crager Room of ADUC.

CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS: Clinics and tryouts for the MSU Varsity Cheerleading Squads (good and all-girl) will be held April 12-14. Students wishing to try out for either squad must register no later than March 22. Registration forms are available in 303 Howell-McDowell.

NEWS



From left, artist Kevin Jerome Everson and wife, along with Elsa and Gary Mes-Gallo talk at Everson's "Adult: Material; Drive-In," opening last Tuesday in Claypool-Young gallery. (Photo by Rob Hay)

Fraternities raising money through 'dorm storm' for sick alumnus

BY MELISSA MCGUIRE

STAFF WRITER

Two MSU Greek organizations will conduct a campus-wide "dorm storm" to raise money for a terminally-ill fraternity alumnus.

Delta Tau Delta and Phi Kappa Phi fraternity members will participate in the campus-wide door-to-door storm.

Delta Tau Delta president Johnnie Price said the proceeds of the drive will go to help pay the medical expenses of Shawn McMillen, a Fall 1995 MSU graduate and Delta Tau Delta alumnus.

Price said McMillen was

diagnosed with lymphoma last month and is undergoing chemotherapy treatment in Tampa, Florida.

Price said, to show McMillen he was not alone in his battle, some of the fraternity members showed support by shaving their heads.

"When Shawn lost his hair because of the chemo, we wanted to show him how much we supported him, so about 17 of us decided to shave our heads," Price said.

Delta Tau Delta vice-president Jason Ross said the "dorm storm" will occur in the next couple of weeks.

"We're basically going to get into teams of two or three and go door to door and storm the dorms to raise money for Shawn," Ross said.

Ross said, in light of McMillen's condition, the Delta are also planning a fund-raiser called Delt Sports.

"Pairs of fraternity and sorority co-ed teams will compete for 2-3 days in events like softball, basketball, volleyball and even a tricycle race," Ross said.

Ross said proceeds from the sports event will go to The National Cancer Society.

Wellfest '96 being held to focus on summer outdoor activities

While the weather has not been cooperating, spring is just around the corner. It's time to start thinking about those outdoor activities and having a wellness check so you'll be fit to enjoy a strenuous schedule.

MSU will hold its annual "Wellfest '96" on Tuesday, March 5, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Crager Room, ADUC.

Nearly 50 educational booths are scheduled for the event with a variety of screenings to be performed. Students from MSU's Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation will provide free testing of flexibility,

height and weight. For \$2 or three cans of food, they will check body composition.

Personnel from St. Claire Medical Center will have a nutrition counselor on hand and will offer glucose and cholesterol testing at a cost of \$2 and \$3 respectively, or three cans of food for each test. Fasting is not a requirement.

Several local businesses are lending support for the Wellfest, according to Beth Vincenzo, who is coordinating the program. Major sponsors include St. Claire Medical Center and Fland's.

Among those providing booths

are: H.O.P.E., Kentucky Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Our Lady of Bellefonte Care Unit, American Cancer Society, M.A.D.D., Mary Kay Cosmetics, Carrington Travel, Flemingsburg Adult Day Care Program, U.S. Forest Service, Club of Hearts, Kentucky Council on Child Abuse, Alert Regional Prevention Center, Morehead State and Police Departments, and several organizations and units from the university.

Additional information is available from Vincenzo at (606) 783-5161.

Water step aerobics class registration now in progress

It's not too late to get in shape for summer.

MSU's Office of Community Development and Continuing Education is still accepting registrations for its water aerobics and step aerobics classes for the spring semester.

Classes in water aerobics are taught Mondays through Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m. at the McClure Pool in the AAC. Step aerobics are taught Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 140 AAC.

The cost is \$30 for the entire semester. Participants may attend up to four classes each week.

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Editorials

Concealed weapons bill would create menace to society

The bad news is House Bill 40, the bill that will allow the majority of Kentuckians to carry a concealed weapon, has passed the House with a resounding "yes." The bill is currently on its way to the Senate. The worst news is it looks as if the bill will pass there.

HB 40 will allow Kentucky residents 21 and over who have not been convicted of a felony and not suffered mental illness in the last three years to carry a deadly weapon concealed on their person. This means the guy sitting next to your child watching a Muppet movie could be packing heat. It also means the woman in the next seat on the bus could have a 12-inch hunting knife in her purse, ready to use.

HB 40 passed 74-20 in the House with very few amendments. Important proposed amendments, such as raising the license fee from \$50 to \$100, and requiring licensees to carry \$100,000 worth of insurance in case they shoot someone, were quickly shot down by the House gunning. Advocates did concede to increase the cost of the license from \$25 to \$50.

Contrary to the thinking of House legislators, the majority of Kentuckians oppose this bill. According to the Bluegrass State Poll, which this month surveyed over 800 Kentuckians, 52 percent said they opposed a concealed weapons law.

The poll also showed opponents are stronger in their convictions than supporters of the bill. Forty-two percent said they strongly oppose the bill and only 29 percent of supporters strongly favor it.

According to the poll, opponents and advocates

agree on one point: neither want guns or other deadly weapons in public places such as malls, restaurants, sports events, theaters or work places. Legislators say it is likely that concealed weapons will be banned from government offices, schools, health-care facilities and bars. With all these places out, where do concealed weapons belong and why do Kentucky residents need them?

There are many reasons why we do not need legally concealed weapons. More guns on the streets will inevitably lead to more violence. According to the Bluegrass Poll, passing this bill could spur gun sales. The result could be a lot of gun-toting citizens with false feelings of security acting out their aggression with deadly force. A simple harsh exchange of words could lead to unnecessary gunplay.

Citizens won't know if the people around them are carrying deadly weapons. A hand dipping into a pocket for loose change or keys kind of sense of paranoia on someone else's part could lead to a senseless killing.

Careless parents could easily find themselves attending their children's premature funerals. What would Gov. Paul Patton, who has said he will sign his name to this bill, think about that?

Legislators should heed the voices of the majority of Kentuckians who oppose House Bill 40. It will take just one small child reaching into Mommy's purse for candy, finding a loaded gun and taking his life to prove this bill is wrong.

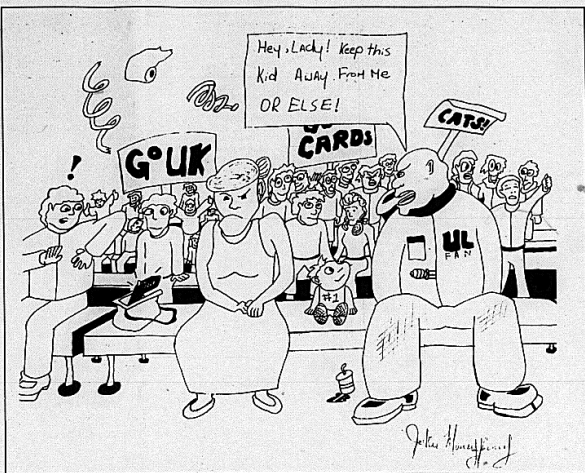
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Letters to the Editor

Reader congratulates MSU cheerleaders on successes

Cheerleading squad helps fight hunger

It is a pleasure to say 'congratulations' to the Morehead State University cheerleaders on their monumental success as national champions, which in itself is a huge accomplishment.

The fact is they have been national champions many times over, under the exceptional leadership of Mr. Myron Doan. This speaks to Mr. Doan's commitment to excellence as well as his motivating leadership.

It is obvious Mr. Doan has an eye for overachievers: it is selection of cheerleaders at MSU. His dedication to the enhancement of MSU in the public eye is certainly to be commended.

The cheerleaders are not only national champions at cheerleading, they are also national champions against hunger in our region. I have had the good fortune to work with the MSU cheerleaders and Mr. Doan in their commitment to needy children in our region, and they are making a difference in the lives of socially and economically challenged children.

It has been my privilege to

meet and work with a number of the cheerleaders here at MSU, and on behalf of Feed the Children, Inc., I congratulate and thank Mr. Doan and all the cheerleaders on their commitment to excellence.

'As you see Mr. Doan and members of the national championship squad, take the time and say thank you. If you have a moment, let them know how valuable and irreplaceable they are here at Morehead State University. They exemplify the phrase "creme de la creme."

GERALD PUCKETT
FLEMINGSBURG, KY

Republicans trying to give rich a tax break

A serious attempt is being made to hood wink the American people! The current debate in Washington D.C. has very little to do with balancing the budget. The Republicans wouldn't be proposing a large tax cut for the wealthy if it did.

What is occurring here is what once was called class warfare before the media made it a dirty phrase. It is about an

upward redistribution of wealth from the poor and middle class to rich. This is the reverse Robin Hood strategy—steal from the children, old people, the disabled and anyone else who can't fight back and give to the rich.

Notice that the Republicans are not talking about cutting the military budget (now at Cold War levels) to balance the budget, nor are they talking about cutting the numerous corporate welfare programs, which amount to hundreds of billions of dollars.

In addition, if the old corporate tax rate of 70 percent were still in existence (former president Ronald Reagan cut it to 30 percent, and it was increased only slightly by President Clinton), there would be no budget deficit. It would disappear completely!

This war on the poor is a worldwide phenomenon. The policies of the IMF and World Bank have caused a great increase in inequality, poverty, starvation and disease in Third World nations, resulting in tragedies like Somalia and Rwanda.

Right-wing parties in Europe are even attempting to impose this corporate agenda there. However, the French are fight-

ing back against the Contract with France. Evidently, they realize if France has money to conduct nuclear tests in the Pacific, they also have money for their budget deficit without cutting social programs.

It is past time for the American people to protest. Otherwise, there will be even more homeless people on our streets!

GARY SUDBOROUGH
BELLFLOWER, CA

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The Trail Blazer welcomes reader responses and opinions in its Letters column. Letters should be 400 words or less, signed, and include the writer's address and phone number.

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Letters are printed as received. However, The Trail Blazer reserves the right to edit for clarity, brevity and legal considerations.

CAMPUS COMMENT

Are you satisfied with the cable system on campus?



Jane Short
Senior

"I like it I wish they had the comedy channel though."



Laurie Sparks
Junior

"People shouldn't complain because they have free movies."



Nicole Troxell
Freshman

"I don't watch TV much, so I'm satisfied with the number of channels."



Tommy Ong
Freshman

"They need more channels and need to fix Fox."

CAMPUS LIFE

University Club gives faculty, staff opportunity to relax

BY MICHAEL CORNETT II
STAFF WRITER

Given the frenetic pace of the college day, many MSU faculty and staff members say they yearn for a relaxing place to spend their free time.

Thanks to the creation of the University Club, such a place now exists.

Dr. Kenneth Siple, assistant professor of music and University Club president, says the desire for such a club to be created at MSU has been present for some time.

"A lot of different people at different times have said we ought to have a place for faculty and staff to go to kind of sit and relax through the day," Siple says.

He says the University Club offers this relaxing setting, and also presents an outlet for other social functions, such as potluck suppers, pre-and post-game parties for MSU sporting events and classic movie nights.

Siple says many other universities already have similar organizations that offer these types of opportunities, but they often focus on the teaching faculty alone.

MSU's University Club, he says, is different in that respect because it is open to any full-time faculty or staff member.

"What we're trying to do here is say everybody that works for the university should have a chance to belong, so we're taking it to the logical step of calling it a university club rather than a faculty club," Siple says.

The club is funded, Siple says, by members paying either a monthly fee or through a payroll deduction.

The monthly membership fee is \$12.50 per month for a single membership and \$18.75 for a faculty or staff couple.

Siple says one of the most important qualities of the University Club is its potential to let faculty members expand their circle of friends outside of their respective departments.

"Here you have a chance to meet everybody in the faculty and staff, and get to know everybody better across the board," he says.

Dr. George M. Luckey, Jr., professor of philosophy and a

member of the University Club Board of Directors, says he is pleased with the organization.

"I'm very enthusiastic about the opportunity to be able to meet with fellow faculty members in pleasant, home-like surroundings for formal meetings and informal discussion," Luckey says.

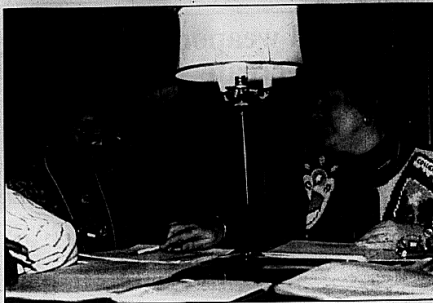
Sharon Jackson, project director of KET-GOP programming and another club member, also praises the club.

"The atmosphere there is more relaxed than in institutional-type meeting rooms," Jackson says.

"We should feel lucky here at Morehead to have the opportunity to develop a facility that can be used by many groups of faculty and staff for many reasons," she says.

Any MSU faculty or staff member interested in joining the University Club may contact Dr. Kenneth Siple at 783-2470 for more information.

MSU personnel may also stop by the University Club, located in the Evans House on Third Street behind the Palmer House, from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. weekdays to check out the club facilities.



Dr. Francine Betts, left, the Director of Human Resources, listens as math professor Joyce Saxon explains a sheet on teaching techniques at the University Club. (Photo by Laura Hamm)

Study at other universities for MSU prices...

National Student Exchange offers travel, diversity

BY KRISTI MAYNARD
STAFF WRITER

MSU students now have the opportunity to widen the range of classes in their field of study through the National Student Exchange (NSE).

The NSE has 250 member universities around the nation offering exchange programs for students who attend these universities.

MSU recently became a member of the NSE and will be sending students to other universities starting in the fall.

Dr. Roger Jones, NSE program coordinator for MSU, says through the exchange program students can take advantage of courses not

offered at MSU.

"This is another advantage to students because we are also offering them a chance to travel and explore," says Jones.

Students can go to one of the 250 schools in the program for one or two semesters and pay the same tuition they would pay at MSU.

Room and board are determined by the university attended.

Jones says juniors are recommended for the program.

He says students interested should first decide which part of the country they would like to go to.

They can then talk to either Jones or Mary Jo Netherston, NSE program co-coordinator for MSU.

Students are given a booklet on

the NSE program, listing all universities and programs available.

Students are then instructed to check out catalogs that contain information on courses available and general campus information for the universities they are interested in. Catalogs are located on the fourth floor of the library.

All credits earned are accepted at MSU.

A minimum G.P.A. of 2.5 is needed to apply.

Netherston says interested students should start planning at least a semester in advance. Netherston will attend an NSE conference in Baltimore, March 12-

16, along with representatives from 250 universities nationwide.

Netherston says she can obtain information from these universities for interested students.

Students are urged to have two university choices, says Jones. Students are accepted by the university they choose to attend, not by MSU.

Jones says a successful participant in the NSE program requires students who are creative and interested in getting a broad view in their field of interest.

Netherston says, "I need to be someone who isn't afraid of taking risks and who is looking for a challenge and adventure."

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Campus Calendar

Events for the week of
February 21-February 27

February 21

*Summer Job Information Fair, ADUC, 2nd floor, 10-2 p.m.
*Ashland Small Business Development Seminar, "Recordkeeping: Payroll and Employer Taxes," Ashland, \$10, pre-reg. required, 1 p.m.

February 22

*Hinky Dink, women's free throw.
*Lecture, Dr. Dieter Badojo, professor African World Literatures at U of I, ADUC, East Room A, 7 p.m.
*Faculty Pollies, Button Auditorium, 8 p.m.

February 23

*Student Gala, ADUC, 8 p.m.

February 24

*MSU Rifle at SW Miss. State, TBA, thru 2/25.
*Region 9 STAR events, FFA HERO, 100 L.C.
*Baseball, MSU vs. Univ. of Indiana, Allen Field, 1 p.m.
*Basketball, Lady Eagles vs. Tenn. State, AAC, 5:30 p.m.
*Basketball, MSU vs. Tenn. State, AAC, 7:45 p.m.

February 25

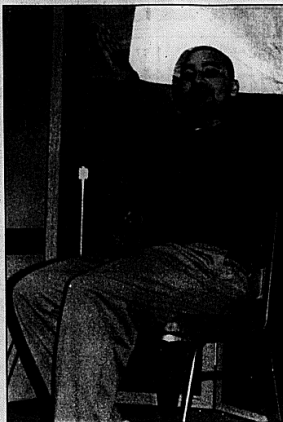
*Baseball, MSU vs. Univ. of Indiana, Allen Field, 12 p.m.
*Senior Recital, Jennifer Allen, flute, Duncan Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

February 26

*Basketball, Lady Eagles vs. Tenn. Tech, AAC, 5:30 p.m.
*Basketball, MSU vs. Tenn. Tech, AAC, 7:45 p.m.

February 27

*"Yesteryear Photos," ADUC, 10-2 p.m.



Peddling flesh???

Senior paralegal major Lance Black responds to a question at the Dating Games sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta in conjunction with Black History Month. (Photo by Laura Hamm)

MSU to host middle school students

MSU will host more than 100 middle school students for a day on campus on Friday, Feb. 23.

The outing is being coordinated in conjunction with National TRIO Day which is Saturday, Feb. 24, according to Carolyn DeHoff, MSU Talent Search project director.

"We want to provide our program participants with a personal view of a college campus as early as possible in their educational experience," she said. "Our goal is to motivate them to complete high school and pursue higher education."

While on the campus, the visitors will enjoy stops at places of interest such as the University's athletic facilities, Camden-Carroll Library and residence halls. Lunch will be a group event, at the food

court in ADUC.

Participating in the day will be students from Carter, Lewis, Mason, Menifee and Morgan Counties.

National TRIO Day, adopted by a 1986 Congressional resolution, focuses "attention on the needs of disadvantaged young people and adults aspiring to improve their lives, to the necessary investment if they are to become contributing citizens of the country and to the talent which will be wasted if the investment is not made."

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MSU theatre students to perform Schnitzler's "La Ronde"

MSU theatre students will present Arthur Schnitzler's "La Ronde" Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 29 - March 2, on the campus.

Showtime for the presentations, held in Button

Auditorium, is 8 p.m. nightly. Victoria in the 1890s is the setting for this play which depicts the game of romance and seduction in a variety of moods, according to Dr. Travis P. Lockhart, MSU

associate professor of theatre who will be the director.

"Each scene has its own mood and one partner in each scene is handed on to the next in a chain of flirtation and conquest which finally links the last to the first," he said.

Appearing in the play will be Elizabeth Harris, Olive Hill graduate student; Michael Moore, Ashland sophomore; Tina Glasen, Portsmouth, Ohio, junior; Steve Kuzze, Ashland freshman; Holly Ford, Union senior; L. Scott

Tignor, Charleston, W.Va., graduate student; Holly Beth Thompson, Grayson senior; and Daniel Stockton, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., graduate student.

Seating is general admission on a first come, first serve basis. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens and children, and free to MSU students with a valid I.D. card.

Additional information is available from the Theatre Box Office at (606) 783-2170.

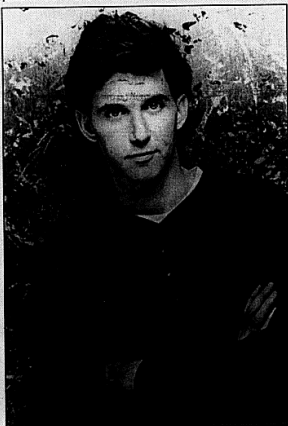
Well-known comedian to perform here

Comedian Kevin Brennan will appear at ADUC on Friday, Feb. 23, at the Student Gala which begins at 8 p.m.

Admission is \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Comedy comes natural to Brennan who uses his childhood experiences as the basis for his entertainment. The third of 10 children, he had to wear the hand-me-downs of his two older siblings, Sheila and Mary.

Brennan has made appearances on MTV's "1/2 Hour Comedy Hour," NBC's "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" and "The Late Show with David Letterman." Recently he was a winner on "Star Search."

His campus visit is being sponsored by the SGA and Student Activities Council. Additional information is available by calling 783-2071.



Comedian Kevin Brennan



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ARTS

Talents of Willis and Pitt can't save 12 Monkeys

BY LYNN RICHIE

CAMPUS LIFE/ARTS EDITOR

Aside from stunning visual effects and the comic relief of Brad Pitt's character, Terry Gilliam's visual brainchild, *12 Monkeys*, offers little for the viewers or their wallets.

Revolving around a weakened time travel plot, this science fiction masterpiece could have been more frightening, could have been more exciting, could have been BETTER.

Bruce Willis plays James Cole, a futuristic penal inmate that is

"volunteered" by his superiors to travel back to 1996 to find the beginning of a virus that will wipe 5 billion people off the planet and is believed to have been spread by the Army of the 12 Monkeys.

The viewer can tell Willis works hard to make Cole come alive, striving to be as heart-rending and intense as he, the *Die Hard* hero, can possibly be.

Despite Willis' hard work, the character comes across as flat and boring. As a matter of fact, as flat as any character who hardly speaks

until mid-movie.

In his time travels, Cole meets the beautiful psychiatrist, Dr. Kathryn Railly, played by Madeleine Stowe. As his doctor, she is unbelievably nice to Cole when everyone else thinks he's crazy. She and he make boring, stilted music together.

Cole meets Jeffrey Goines, Pitt's character, in a psychiatric institution where he mistakenly ends up in the year 1990.

Goines is a hyperactive nut who resents his father's unethical

treatment of animals for research. He gives Cole his first hint in his search for the Army of the 12 Monkeys.

Pitt, with the help of colored, off-kilter contact lenses, is anything but the glamorous "sexiest man alive."

True to his performances in *California, Interview with the Vampire* and *Legends of the Fall*, Pitt puts his soul into Goines and ends up being the only identifiable and empathetic character in the movie.

Goines also ends up the only comic relief and bit of entertainment in this high-tech *Back to the Future*. He is the only colorful character with the only colorful lines.

The viewer is taken along on a confusing ride of back and forth time travel and the never ending question of Cole's sanity. Just when he believes he has finally lost it, Railly finally believes he has it.

Apart from everything wrong, there are a few things right. Gilliam's scenes of post-

apocalyptic America with wild, exotic animals roaming Baltimore and the dark, disturbing underground of the future are stirring.

The ending, which the viewer may dread as already being given away in Cole's vivid dreams that get more and more detailed, is not really written until the end of the movie.

The little surprising twist at the end may be the only thing that keeps viewers from leaving with a completely bad taste in their mouths.

Deal 'breeds' low-fi album

BY LYNN RICHIE

CAMPUS LIFE/ARTS EDITOR

Kim Deal, ex-Pixie and leader of the Breeders, has struck out on her own, scrapping her Breeders project and going solo with *Pacer*.

Deal is a rock rarity. She doesn't use gimmicks, flash or other rock star antics to make herself known. She simply lets her talent as a musician and vocalist sing volumes for her.

Deal is a female rocker to be proud of. She dispenses with the in-your-face-ness of Courtney Love, the shock-value of Madonna and the cuteness of Kay Hanley of Letters to Cleo to forge her own ideal woman-in-rock.

Pacer has an ethereal, other

world softness. Deal describes it as medium-fi, when actually it may even be termed low-fi.

Pacer's underwater sound stands out in the title track, "I Am Decided," "Mom's Drunk" and "Bragging Party."

Deal's throaty lyrics are the perfect companion to her low sound. The low-masked vocals are, in a way, a shame because she has such a beautiful voice. But the vocals are also a relief from heavily laid screams because it showcases her talents as a musician.

Pacer is slower than the Breeders' last album, *Lull Splash* (or shall we say the CD that sported "Cannonball"), and less poppy than

anything by the Pixies.

Not all of the tracks are slow. "She's a Girl" has a definite speeded-up Breeders feel and "Tempty Glasses" harks back to early Nirvana Bleach sound.

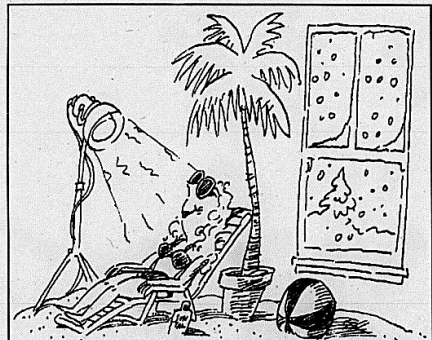
"Full on Kite" has a faster beat with faster vocals as does "Tipp City" which is exactly the next pogo anthem.

These songs may be fast but Deal's seductive, foggy sound pervades the whole album.

Deal has managed to record a great solo album, despite her band career. She has recorded without losing her musical vitality. As great as *Pacer* is, it will be nice to hear the next Breeders effort.



Conductor Richard Miles and the MSU Symphony enjoy applause following a recent performance. (Photo by David Buckner)



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Correction

The Trail Blazer incorrectly identified the person playing on stage with Chris Gasi at a recent Coffee House. The other individual should have been identified as J.P. Moore.

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Lady Blue Raiders charge to a 108-75 win...

Lady Eagles crushed by Middle Tenn.

BY BOB HOWARD
STAFF WRITER

Middle Tennessee State did not play a gracious host to Morehead State Monday night, serving the Lady Eagles a 108-75 loss.

MSU fell to 10-14 overall and 4-10 in the OVC.

Middle Tennessee pushed its record to 21-3 overall and 12-2 against conference opponents.

Morehead came out quickly and scored the first four points of the game, but the Lady Eagles couldn't run away with the game as the two teams played to a tie at the 15:22

mark, 10-10.

MSU took a six-point lead on a jump shot by Heather Prater with 13:58 to go in the half, 22-16.

The Lady Eagles came back with a 9-2 spurt, which gave them a 23-22 lead at the 9:42 mark.

That's when the Lady Blue Raiders turned on and went on a run of their own, which ended with a basket by Kara Hobbs at the 5:22 mark in the first, giving them a comfortable 43-27 lead.

MSU added seven points to its lead to take a 56-33 halftime lead.

At the 4:14 point in the second half, Melanie Patchen collected two from the charity stripe to give the Lady Blue Raiders their biggest lead of the game, at 100-61.

Octavia Evans lead the way for MSU with 22 points, while Marla Hupler collected 19 points and 10 rebounds.

Middle Tennessee placed three players in double figures. Trifla Thomas had 10, Jonaida Buck scored 14 and Prater had a team high 20.

Morehead State (75)

Marcum 2-6 0-0 4, Evans 9-20 4-11 22, Hupler 9-13 1-4 19, Wetherbee 4-9 0-0 8, Swisher 3-2 4-6, Parker 2-4 1-2 5, Griffith 1-5 0-2 2, Siebert 1-1 0-0 2, Meadows 2-4 1-2 5, Richardson 0-2 1-2 1.

Middle Tennessee (108)
Elder 3-2 2-9, Thomas 4-7 0-10, Buck 6-10 2-14, Noley 4-10 0-9, Prater 6-11 6-6 20, Eve 0-1 0-0, Speed 3-5 0-0 8, Hobbs 3-4 2-8, Francis 3-6 1-9, Jackson 0-3 2-2 2, Edwards 4-6 1-9, Bevis 1-2 2-4, Patchen 2-2 2-6.

Lady Governors veto visiting MSU by 18

BY BOB HOWARD
STAFF WRITER

MSU became the tenth straight OVC team to lose to Austin Peay as the Lady Governors beat the Lady Eagles 91-73 Saturday night in Clarksville, Tenn.

The loss dropped the Lady Eagles' record to 10-13 overall and 4-9 in the OVC.

Austin Peay went to 16-7 overall and 10-3 in the OVC.

The Lady Governors never

trailed in the game. They scored the first two points on a layup by Simone Caldwell, with just under a minute having been played and never looked back.

Colten Polzin made a jumper with 9:39 left in the first half to give Austin Peay an eight-point lead, 20-12.

Morehead battled back to cut the lead to one, on a basket by Jeni Meadows, at the 6:03 mark, 25-24.

Stephanie Shelton sparked a

14-2 run for the Lady Governors, which gave them a 39-26 lead with 1:36 left in the half.

Austin Peay went 44-30 in the half.

Austin Peay led another on a run, at the beginning of the second half to give itself a 54-34 lead, with 15:06 in the game.

Caldwell hit a layup and

pushed the Lady Governors' lead to

26 points, with 13:31 left, 63-37.

The Lady Eagles tried to battle

back, but Austin Peay was just too tough.

MSU got as close as 14 on a Jan Seibert three-point field goal, with 5:09 left in play, 77-63.

MSU's Octavia Evans had a game-high 24 points and Meadows connected for 14.

The Lady Governors were led in scoring by Caldwell, who had 23. Sonja Cox scored 17, and Shelton added 11.

Jennifer Marushi, a junior, takes part in bowling events with her sorority during recent intramurals. (Photo by Rob Hay)

Middle Tenn. State deals Eagles their 12th conference loss

BY BOB HOWARD
STAFF WRITER

Morehead dropped another tough road game Monday night, this time to Middle Tennessee State University, 73-71.

The Eagles dropped to 7-17 overall and 1-12 in conference play.

MSU improved to 15-9 overall and 9-5 in the OVC.

Morehead led throughout much of the first half, taking a seven-point lead, with 16:50 to go in the first half, when Doug Wyckskalla hit a three point shot, 9-2.

Middle Tennessee battled its way back and took its first lead of the game at the 12:34 point in the first half on a layup by Roni Bailey, 14-13.

Chris Stone hit a layup at the 10:41 mark, to give MSU a six-point lead, 20-14.

The Blue Raiders tied the game, at the 8:24 point, on a 3-point basket by Noel Carter, with 8:59 left in the half.

The Eagles took their biggest lead, at the 2:32 mark, when Marlon Witherspoon connected to

push the lead to 39-28.

Middle Tennessee caught up together a 9-2 run before the half to cut the lead to 41-38 at half time.

Much like Morehead did in the first half, MTSU controlled the second half.

The two teams found themselves tied, with 17:25 to go, at 44-44, on a 3-point shot by Tim Galliter hit two free throws.

From that point on it was a dog fight. The Blue Raiders held the lead, but Morehead was not to

There were four ties in the second half, the last one coming with 3:40 on the clock, as Stone hit a jumper to knot the game at 65-65.

Middle Tennessee went on an eight-point run to give themselves a five-point lead, with four ticks left, 73-68.

Wyckskalla hit a buzzer beat, but it wasn't enough, as the Blue Raiders picked up the two-point win.

Wyckskalla lead all scorers with 22 points for MSU. He hit 5-10

from the three-point line, and Mike Scroggum added 16 points and 13 rebounds for the Eagles.

Middle Tennessee was led in scoring by Aykon Tesch, who had 17. He also had 11 boards. There were four other Blue Raider players in double figures.

Morehead State (71)

Witherspoon 2-5 1-2 5, Scroggum 7-12 2-4 16, Lloyd 0-5 0-2 0, Dock 3-6 2-8, Wyckskalla 6-17 5-22, Heston 1-1 0-0 3.

Majick 3-4 0-0 9, Kinnard 0-0 0-0 0, Colbert 0-0 0-0 0, Humphrey 1-2 0-0 2, Stone 3-9 0-0 6, Dixon 0-0 0-0 0, Sparlock 0-0 0-0 0, Indestad 0-0 0-0 0.

Middle Tennessee (73)

Tesch 5-14 7-8 17, Carter 3-9 8-8 16, Secrest 0-0 0-0 0, Gailher 6-8 2-5 14, Bailey 5-12 0-2 10, Washington 5-9 3-4 13, Barkdale 0-2 0-0 0, Harden 1-4 0-0 2, Wampler 0-0 1-4 1, Bruns 0-0 0-0 0.

Austin Peay rolls over MSU, 89-78

BY BOB HOWARD
STAFF WRITER

Austin Peay picked up its fourteenth win of the season by beating visiting Morehead State Saturday night, 89-78.

Austin Peay improved to 14-9 overall and 8-5 in the conference.

MSU fell to 7-16 overall and 2-11 in the OVC.

The game started off slowly, as the Governors took a seven point lead with 11:22 left in the half, on a layup by Reggie Crenshaw, 19-12.

The Eagles battled back, with a 10-0 run, to take a 24-21 lead on a three-point basket by Doug Wyckskalla.

The tide turned back and forth through the rest of the first half, as Morehead took a 41-39 lead into halftime.

The second half didn't prove to be any different, as neither team could move out to a sizable lead.

The lead changed hands four times in the first 10 minutes and Austin Peay held a one-point

advantage with 10:39 left, 59-58.

The Governors went on a 13-4 run at the end of the second half to take an 11-point lead.

Mike Scroggum lead MSU with 24 points and 12 boards. Marlon Witherspoon added 12 points, while Wyckskalla ended the game with 19.

Bubba Wells lead all scorers with 29 points for the Governors. Jermaine Savage picked up 22 points, and Joe Sibbett racked up 15.

Baseball Eagles open season with six losses

BY BOB HOWARD
STAFF WRITER

The Morehead baseball team dropped its sixth straight game recently against Jacksonville State, 9-2.

The loss put the Eagles' record at 0-6 on the young season, while Jacksonville State pushed its record to 6-2.

Both teams turned two double plays in the ball game, but MSU picked up three errors en route to

the loss.

Pitcher J. R. Allen gave Jacksonville seven strong innings, giving up only two hits and walking only one batter.

MSU posted six different batters in the game. Brian Lewis was the starter, but he got knocked out early, giving up six hits, in 4.1 innings.

Jacksonville drew first blood in the third inning, to take a 1-0 lead.

It stayed that way until Morehead came back in the top half of the seventh to take a 2-1 advantage.

Jacksonville also picked up two runs in the bottom half of the inning to regain the lead, 3-2.

MSU then gave up six runs in the bottom half of the eighth, to lose the game 9-2.

The Eagles' Brad Allen went 1-4 from the plate, driving in the two Eagle runs.

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"Folk to Folk" exposes children to area artists' works

BY TAMARA ENDICOTT
STAFF WRITER

The Kentucky Folk Art Center is opening its doors to area fourth graders this semester in an educational outreach program called, "Folk to Folk."

The program is designed to expose children to folk art and program coordinators are working toward reaching children in 23 Kentucky counties by 1999, says Ilanica Brewer, Education Coordinator of KFAAC.

"We have a collection because we want to educate people about

Kentucky folk art," says Brewer. Geraldine Lewis-Wireman, an MSI art intern at KFAAC, says most area elementary schools don't have art programs for the students.

"Here they get to see what's going on right in their own backyard, because most of the artists are from this area," says Lewis-Wireman.

The current exhibit entitled "Generations of Kentucky" includes works from black and white photographer Guy Menides and eight Kentucky families who work as teams to create paintings and carved

wood pieces.

When the program goes on the road, Brewer says children are delighted with colorful wooden art pieces, called Spot The Cat and a story cane, says Brewer.

One children's favorite is Spot The Cat, created by local artist Calvin Cooper, of Flemingsburg. Brewer says Cooper is particular about his work and sometimes takes months to finish one piece.

"He's a forger," says Brewer. He may find the right knot for a knee one month, and then three months later find the other one.

That's how he puts his pieces together. It's a really great piece that the kids love."

Brewer says other favorites with children are the Story Cane, made by Tim Lewis of Elliot County, which have different themes such as *The Wizard of Oz*, a space shuttle, an inch worm and a mother robin feeding baby birds.

"I talk about the process that Tim goes through from the very beginning in order to make a cane because they're made from roots," says Brewer. "Tim is one of those artists who looks at an object and

sees something in it.

Brewer says, "One of the things the kids do is look at the root and try to find what they see in it. A lot of questions come from the kids about what is folk art, who are folk artists, and, am I a folk artist?"

The children really enjoy the art and the stories of how the artists bring their pieces to life, says Brewer.

"A folk artist is self-taught," Brewer explains to the children. "They have a drive to create like our trained interns, Geraldine and Greg,

but they use the elements and principles of art in a different way. The folk artists school themselves on what they want to make and how they want to do it."

Brewer points out to children that the artists are sometimes doctors and lawyers, and sometimes come from the heart of a metropolis or from the backwoods of a rural county.

"A lot of people have this idea that folk art only comes from the woods, and that's not true," says Brewer.



Left to right: Terrell Warner-Vice President, Lee Jackson-State Director, Delvin Hickerson-President, Derry Matthews-Executive Director, Kevin Harris-Treasurer, Mr. Lee-Graduate Chapter member and Ron Ortines-Secretary were all representatives of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity attending an anti-hazing seminar Monday night. (Photo by Mendi Kublisa)

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the last 16 years.

The university has 10 water samples from various campus locations tested each month, she said.

"Sometimes the students might complain and say, 'My water looks dirty,' but if there's a problem it is always taken care of," Wright said. "Our water quality meets or exceeds any state standard."

Barry Tomning, a water quality expert and senior administrative assistant at the Gateway District Health Department in Owensville, said water treatment plants face several dilemmas when purifying water.

"The real trick is to meter the treatment to get just enough chlorine to make sure you're free of the contaminants," Tomning said.

"But chlorine isn't very flavorful and people don't like to

taste it in their water," he said, "so you can't put in too much disinfectant either."

Hilderbrand said prior to the recent tests that showed a high level of trihalomethanes, his office had recorded high levels of contaminants only twice in the past 22 years.

Hilderbrand said both of those tests were flawed. In one, the water that was tested came from a building that had not been used all summer. In the other, the person collecting the sample put a finger in the test tube, he said.

"My wife works here and I have a daughter who goes to school here, so I want the water clean too," Hilderbrand said.

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